

Definition:

A Private Home Care Provider is any entity that directly provides or makes provision for private home care services through its own employees or agents, contractual arrangements with independent contractors or referral. (Private home care services means those items and services provided at a patient's residence that involve direct care to that patient and includes nursing services, personal care tasks and companion or sitter tasks.)

Exemptions:

- When services are provided directly by an individual, paid or not paid and not by agents or employees or the individual and not through independent contractors or referral arrangements
- When the services are home infusion therapy and the intermittent skilled nursing care is provided only as an integral part of the therapy
- When the services are provided through the temporary placement of professionals and paraprofessionals to perform those services in places other than a person's residence
- When the services are provided by licensed home health agencies
- When the services are provided in a personal care home and by staff the personal care home
- When these services are services provided within the scope of practice of pharmacists
- Where services are provided by the federal government.

Type Regulation

A provider must obtain a license.

Legal Authority:

O.C.G.A. § 31-7-300, Title 31- Health; Chapter 7- Regulation and Construction of Hospitals and other Health Care Facilities; Article 13- Private Home Care Providers

The following link will take you to the Georgia General Assembly, Georgia Code website. Scroll down the page to find **O.C.G.A. § 31-7-300**.

[Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#)

Rules:

[Rules and Regulations for Private Home Care Provider](#), 290-5-54, effective July 21, 1995; revised February 12, 2008.

Fees:

- License: Cost varies based on size of provider and services provided.
- Rules: \$5.00